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NOTE FOR:

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FROM: David Low
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SUBJECT: Attached Papers

Attached are talking points on two topics for use by the DCI in his meeting on 25 April with Bud McFarlane.

The one on CW use can also be used in any other context in which he would like to use it, but the talking points concerning the Economic Policy Council are for use only with McFarlane. I will brief the DCI on the background relating to the latter.

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Talking Points:

Effect of the New Economic Policy Council
on Interests of the National Security Community

- I noted with some concern that the establishment of the Economic Policy Council--while a good idea in streamlining the many Cabinet Councils--did away with the SIG-IEP. This has the effect of excluding the automatic participation of CIA, NSC, and DOD, and raises some questions about how the national security perspective will be integrated into the President's decision-making on international economic issues.
- I share your concern that proper procedures are set up to ensure that national security/foreign policy implications are properly reflected in the consideration of international economic issues by the President.
- I support the tough line that you are taking on this issue, and on the specific case of consideration of US-Soviet trade in the context of the NSC rather than the EPC.
- Some procedures such as those which supported the SIG-IEP will be necessary and they should provide clear guidance for the future method of consideration of international economic issues.
- Roger Robinson of your staff has kept us well informed about these developments.

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